

NEW SOUTH WALES PARLIAMENT.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, MAY 14.

Mr. Speaker took the chair at half-past 4 o'clock.
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS.

The PREMIER said that there was an amendment made on the Address in Reply, Ministers would answer no questions.

PETITIONS.

Mr. FARNELL presented a petition from John Lang asking for leave to proceed with a bill to the Legislative Assembly to have a tramway in the Mitchell district.

Mr. PARKES presented a petition from John Sulman asking for leave to proceed with his bill to amend the Water and Sewerage Act of Milson's Point, North Sydney, to the city of Sydney.

Mr. FARNELL presented a petition from the City of Milson's Point, Sydney, asking for leave to proceed with a bill this session dealing with matters relating to their society.

The petitions were received.

CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES.

Mr. LEIGH moved.—That William McCourt be Chairman of Committees of the whole House for the present session.

The motion was agreed to.

Mr. MCOURT said that he had to thank the House for responding him so promptly. He would endeavour to discharge the duty entrusted to him, and that while he was in the minority he would be guided by what was important to every section of the House.

FORMAL MOTIONS.

Mr. HARRIS moved.—That the Municipal Council of the Electric Lighting Bill, which was introduced in the Assembly before its completion by the close of the session, be now reintroduced at the stage it had reached at the time of interruption.

The motion was agreed to.

Mr. NEILD moved.—That leaves be given to bring in a bill to regulate the admission of persons to practice in courts of law.

The bill was introduced and read the first time, and the second reading was made an order of the day for the 26th May.

Mr. ALFRED COOK moved.—That leave be given to bring in a bill to amend the Accidents Validation Act, and to make provision for continuance of agreement made therewith before the 1st day of August, 1884.

The motion was agreed to.

Mr. CHANTER moved.—That there be laid upon the table of this House copies of all bills, papers, and other documents relating to the application for a royal charter, and to make arrangements for continuance of the same, and that Mr. T. J. Brum for compensation be appointed to the committee.

The motion was agreed to.

Mr. O'SULLIVAN moved.—That the Home Protection Bill, which was introduced in the Assembly during the last session, but was interrupted by the death of Mr. W. H. Morris, be now reintroduced at the stage it had reached at the time of such interruption.

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Mr. NEILD said that he proposed to devote himself principally to the question of Upper House reform in the interests of the two Chambers. He intended to have to hand his bill to the Assembly to have it ready to introduce in the first instance. He had no objection to the Government having a majority in the Assembly, but he did not think that the Government had lost its majority in the House of Representatives.

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MONETARY AND COMMERCIAL.

THURSDAY EVENING.

The Stock and Share market to-day was devoid of anything very noteworthy, there being few transactions, and most of those were quoted at an advance of 6d., and Australian Joint Stock Bank had not been at a concession of that amount.

Bank of England, Scotch, and Australian Bank deposits again brought 12d. 30c. debentures of the Bank to bring 12d. 30c. The official figures from another source give the supply of wool in 1895 as 1,968,241 tons, an advance of 6d., and Australian Joint Stock Bank had not been at a concession of that amount.

Interest quotations remained the same as yesterday, no business being done.

Gas of Gullburg Gas were quoted at an advance of 1d., Australian and North Shore Gas selling at the last quoted prices. Nothing new in beerwicks or other shares, the only movements were in shares of 1d. in the buying position.

The total for 1895 was 1,293,144 tons, and in 1894 the volume was 1,802,146 tons, and 2,268,488 tons last year. The most important items are—

1892. 1894. 1895.

Commodity	Tons	Tons	Tons
Acre	6,428	6,428	7,800
Horses	1,275	1,270	14,000
Furs	1,756	1,756	22,000
Mines	12,742	14,498	229,040
Minerals	1,000	1,000	22,000
Wool	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000
Other	28,000	28,000	28,000

The official figures from another source give the supply of wool workers in 1895 as 1,968,241 tons, the quantity of wool as 199,000 tons, the number of hides as 5,693,366. The total of the raw wool produced exported in 1895 was half a million tons, say 50 per cent. more than in 1894.

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Commodity	Tons	Tons	Tons
Oats	115	1,000	17,000
Breeding cattle	1,000	1,000	12,000
Horses	100	100	110
Furs	100	100	100
Mines	100	100	100
Minerals	100	100	100
Wool	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000
Other	28,000	28,000	28,000

The closing quotations were—

IMPORT MARKET.

Very little activity was discernible in the market to-day. The sales effected in the various branches were of a limited character. Inquiries for the heads of local flour were received from previous buyers.

The market remained little affected. The closing quotations concerned in groceries. More attention was devoted to liquors, which moved at previous prices.

Breadstuffs underwent no change. Best New South Wales breads are still quoted at from £10/- to £12/- per barrel, business transacted was in small lots.

Meers Alfred Harvey & Co. will sell at the Chamber of Commerce tomorrow, Friday.

Mr. Lyle's, 14, Pitt-street, Sydney, 19th inst.

